अनुसूची के अनुसार मासिक आधार पर किया जाता है। वितरण हेतु भारत सरकार द्वारा खाद्यान्नों के किए गए मासिक आवंटनों को पूरा करने के लिए निम्नलिखित उपाय किए जाते हैं:—

(1) आवश्यकताओं को पूरा करने के लिए महत्वपूर्ण स्थानों पर रतयेक माह अग्रिम रूप से खाद्यान्नों की पर्याप्त मात्रा रखी जाती है।

(2) भारतीय खाद्य निगम द्वारा परेषण और प्राप्तियों की दैनिक मानीटरिंग की जाती है।

(3) भंडारण और वितरण के दौरान लदान, उतरान स्थलों पर खाद्यान्नों की गुणवत्ता की जांच की जाती है।

Price of levy sugar

4508. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the levy sugar price has been enhanced from Rs. 9.05 to Rs. 11.00, recently;

(b) whether with the enhancement of price of levy sugar the question of reimbursement of freight, insurance, transport and handling charges has been included; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTIOIN (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir. The levy sugar price has been enhanced from Rs. 9.05 to Rs. 10.50 per kg. w.e.f. 10.2.1997.

(b) and (c) Reimbursement of interest, transport, handling charges etc. is included in the margins for wholesalers/ sub-wholesalers and retailers for distributioin of levy sugar. Copies of guidelines for fixing the margins regarding indigenous levy sugar w.e.f. 1.4.1994 and from 1.4.1996 are at Statement I & II respectively.

Statement-I

Guidelines for fixing margins for Retailers/Sub-wholesalers/Wholesalers of indigenous levy sugar applicable from 1.4.1994.

S. No.	Item of Cost	Retailers	Sub-wholesalers/ Wholesalers
1	2	3	4
1.	Interest on Capital	Prevailing interest rate charged by nationalised scheduled banks for 15 days on retail levy price minus retailers margin.	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for one month to wholesalers and for 15

1	2	3	4
			days to sub-wholesalers on the weighted average cost of levy sugar for the state. (The cost of levy sugar will include the ex-factory price of sugar, excise duty, cess, freight element where the mills are despatching the stocks of sugar on "freight paid" basis).
2.	Transportation charges	Either	Either
		(a) actual railway freight or	(a) actual railway freight or
		(b) actual transportation charges by road at the rate approved by the State Government limited to the rate of transportation charges approved by the FCI for transporting foodgrain in that State. Where the FCI's rates are not available, the Governments' rates may be allowed, limited to the actual railway freight. Where FCI's rates and rail head is not there, State Government rates may be allowed.	(b) actual transportation charges by road at the rate approved by the State Government limited to the rate of transportation charges approved by the FCI, for transporting foodgrain in that State. Where the FCI's rate are not available, the State Governments rates may be allowed, limited to the actual railway freight. Where FCI's rates and rail head is not there, State Government rates may be allowed.
3.	Handling Charges	Rs. 2.00 per qtl. for 2 operations at the rate of Rs. 1 per operation.	Rs. 1 per operation.
4.	Administrative Charges	Rs. 4 per quintal.	0.5% of the All-India average ex-factory price fixed for the season.

1	2	3	4
5.	Bank Commission	As per prevailing SBI's rates.	As per prevailing SBI's rates.
6.	Retailers Commission	Rs. 2.10 per qtl.	—
7.	Realisation from empty gunny	70% of the value of the new 'A' Twill gunny bag.	—
8.	Storage/transit loss	Not admissible	0.25% on qty. moved by rail. Not admissible for movement by road.
9.	Storage charges	—	As per the prevailing rates of CWC/state WC for sugar, whichever is less, for one month in the case of wholesalers and for 15 days in the case of sub-wholesalers.
10.	Weighment loss	0.1% on the qnty. sold	—
11.	Entry tax/Octroi/Insurance	Not reimburseable	Not reimburseable

GENERAL NORMS APPLICABLE TO BOTH RETAILERS AND SUB-WHOLESALERS/WHOLESALERS

1.	Revision of margins	Every year, on receipt of proposal from state Governments.
2.	Date of effect to revised margins	From 1st April of the year. All proposals relating to revision of margins in respect of different States/UTs to be processed during period from Jan. to March every year.

Note: (i) Margin would be allowed only to two agencies (other than FCI—*i.e. wholesalers or sub-wholesalers and retailers).*

(ii) Where handling charges have been added/included in transportation charges, separate handling charges, are not to be allowed.

Statement-II

Guidelines for fixing margins for Retailers/Sub-wholesalers/Wholesalers for indigenous levy sugar applicable from 1.4.1996.

S. No.	Item of Cost	Retailers	Sub-wholesalers/ Wholesalers
1	2	3	4
1.	Interest on Capital	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for 15 days on retail levy price minus retailers margin.	Prevailing interest rate charged by the nationalised scheduled banks for one month to wholesalers and 15 days to sub-wholesalers on the weighted average cost of levy sugar for the state. (The cost of levy sugar will include the ex-factory price of sugar, excise duty, cess, freight element where the mills are despatching the stocks of sugar on "freight paid" basis).
2.	Transportation charges	A flat rate of each State to be fixed on the basis of audited figures of expenditure duly approved by the state Government concerned, incurred for previos years.	A flat rate of each State to be fixed on the basis of audited figures of expenditure duly approved by the State Government concerned, incurred for previous years.
3.	Handling Charges	Rs. 2.50 per quintal for 2 operations at the rate of Rs. 1.25 per operation.	Rs. 1.25 per operation.
4.	Administrative Charges	Rs. 5 per quintal.	0.5% of the All-India average ex-factory price fixed for the season.
5.	Bank Commission	As per prevailing SBI's rates.	As per prevailing SBI's rate.
6.	Retailers Commission	Rs. 2.50 per quintal	—
7.	Realisation from empty gunny bag	50% of the value of the new 'A' Twill gunny bag.	—
8.	Storage/transit loss	Not admissible	0.25% on quantity moved by rail. Not admissible for movement by road.

1	2	3	4
9.	Storage charges	—	As per the prevailing rates of CWC/State Warehousing Corporation for sugar, whereever is less, for one month in the case of wholesalers and for 15 days in the case of sub-wholesalers.
10.	Weighment loss	0.1% on the quantity sold	—
11.	Entry tax/Octroi/Insurance	Not reimburseable	Not reimburseable.

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Note: (i) Margin would be allowed only to two agencies (other than FCI—*i.e.* wholesalers or sub-wholesalers and retailers).
(ii) Where handling charges have been added/included in transportation charges, separate handling charges, are not to be allowed.

Decline in Wheat Output

4509. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for decline in wheat output which is estimated at about 62.2 million tonnes in 1996-97, as compared to 65.2 million tonnes in 1995-96;

(b) whether considering the sharp drop in official procurement, Government have assessed the impact in terms of food security; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The all India Production of wheat during 1996-97 crop year is expected to be about 64.66 million tonnes which is higher by 3.26% than the production of 62.62 million tonnes achieved in 1995-96 crop year.

(b) and (c) In spite of the reduction in procurement by 4.1 million tonnes in 1996-97 Rabi Marketing season as compared to the previous season, there were adequate stocks of wheat in Central Pool to meet the full requirement of PDS. With a view to controlling the rising trend in the prices of wheat and wheat products in the market, the Government decided to import upto 2 million tonnes of wheat in December, 1996 to augment availability of wheat in the country. The Government also banned the export of wheat and wheat products besides imposing licensing and stock holding limits on wheat.

After the announcement of bonus of Rs. 60/—per quintal over and above the MSP of Rs.415/-per quintal, for sale of wheat to public procuring agencies during the period from 17.3.97 to 10.6.97, the